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SUBJECT: TASS ARTICLE ON THIRD PLENUM OF CC CPC

SUMMARY: AUG. 9 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TASS ARTICLE ON RESULTS
OF THIRD PLENUM OF CC CPC WHICH IS AUTHORITATIVE IN STYLE
AND CONTENT IF NOT IN FORM. UNSIGNED ARTICLE BEARS STAMP
OF SIGNLE, KNOWLEDGEABLE AUTHOR AND DRAWS CONCLUSION THAT
THE MORE THINGS CHANGE IN CHINA, THE MORE THEY REMAIN THE
SAME. END SUMMARY.

1. WRITTEN IN IRONIC, HARD HITTING STYLE OF
A KNOWLEDGEABLE SOVIET EXPERT ON CHINESE POLITICAL SCENE
(EMBASSY'S FIRST THOUGHT IS M. KAPITSA, CHIEF OF MFA FIRST
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FAR EAST DIVISION), ARTICLE ATTEMPTS TO SHOW THAT THIRD PLENUM,
LIKE PREVIOUS IMPORTANT CPC MEETINGS, SIMPLY SERVED
TO MARK OUSTER OF CERTAIN LEADERS AND ACCESSION TO
POWER OF OTHERS. ACCORDING TO AUTHOR, THIRD PLENUM,
LIKE PREVIOUS MEETINGS, DID NOT BEGIN TO COME TO
GRIPS WITH TREMENDOUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
OF CHINA, BUT ONLY CALLED FOR MODERNIZATION, "BY

END OF TWENTIETH CENTURY," OF AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY,
DEFENSE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. "ACTION PROGRAM,"
ON OTHER HAND, CONCERNED ONLY ONE SPHERE: MILITARY
ECONOMY.

2. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH REFERENCE TO PLENUM'S
ROLE IN DETERMINING ANTI-SOVIET,HILITARISTIC
CONTENT OF CHINESE ARMY DAY CELEBRATION AND TO LACK OF
DETERMINATION OF PRESENT CHINESE LEADERSHIP TO TURN
COUNTRY ONTO PATH OF GENUINE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM.
REMOVAL OF ONE OR ANOTHER "LEFTIST" OR RETURN OF ONE
OR ANOTHER "PRAGMATIST" WILL NOT CHANGE SITUATION,
SAYS AUTHOR; THAT MUST WAIT UNTIL "ANTI-PEOPLE
MAOIST POLICY" IS LAID TO REST.

3. COMMENT: NEITHER WE NOR OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES
WITH WHICH WE HAVE CHECKED CAN EXPLAIN PECULIAR STYLE
OF ARTICLE. IT APPEARS THAT CPSU FELT
IT NECESSARY TO SAY SOMETHING ON RESULTS OF SUCH
IMPORTANT EVENT AS THIRD PLENUM AND THAT THIS PIECE
IS THE PRODUCT. WHILE PREDICTABLE, IT IS AT LEAST WELL
WRITTEN AND, BY CURRENT STANDARDS, RELATIVELY MODERATE
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